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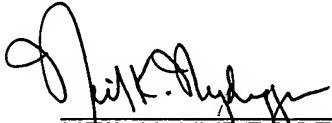
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U.S. Patent Documents

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___ AA	5,537,585	07/16/96	Blickenstaff et al.
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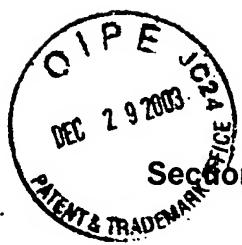
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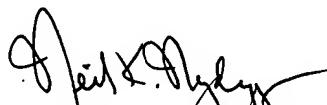
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